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ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

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GRIDLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.)
)
Application for Certificates of Service Authority)
for facilities-based and resold local exchange)
telecommunications services pursuant to Sections)
13-404 and 13-405 of the Public Utilities Act.)

Docket No. 00-0028

Amended Application
~~VERIFIED STATEMENT~~

GENERAL

1. Applicant's Name(including d/b/a, if any) FEIN # 37-1357992
Gridley Communications, Inc.
Address: Street 108 East Third Street
City Gridley State/Zip IL 61744
2. Authority Requested: (Mark all that apply) 13-403 ☒ 13-404 ☒ 13-405
3. Request for waivers/variances: In applications for exchange service authority under Sections 13-404 or 13-405, waivers of Part 710 and of Section 735.180 of Part 735 are generally requested. In applications for interexchange service authority under Sections 13-403 and 13-404, waivers of Part 710 and Part 735 are generally requested. Please indicate which waivers Applicant is requesting.
X Part 710 Part 735 X Section 735.180 Other
4. In what area of the state does the Applicant propose to provide service?
The State of Illinois
5. Please attach a sheet designating contact persons to work with Staff on the following:
a) issues related to processing this application See Attachment A
b) consumer issues

- c) customer complaint resolution
- d) technical and service quality issues
- e) "tariff" and pricing issues
- f) 9-1-1 issues
- g) security/law enforcement

Please identify each contact person's (i) name, (ii) title, (iii) mailing address, (iv) telephone number, (v) facsimile number, and (vi) e-mail address, if any.

6. Please check type of organization?

☐ Individual
☐ Partnership
☒ X Corporation
 Date corporation was formed March 5, 1996
 In what state? Illinois
☐ Other (Specify) _____

7. Submit a copy of articles of incorporation and a copy of certificate of authority to transact business in Illinois. See Attachment B

8. List jurisdictions in which Applicant is offering service(s).

State of Illinois

9. Has the Applicant, or any principal in Applicant, been denied a Certificate of Service or had its certification revoked or suspended in any jurisdiction in this or another name?

 YES (Please provide details) X NO

10. Have there been any complaints against the Applicant in any other jurisdiction?

 YES X NO

If YES, describe fully. _____

11. Will the Applicant keep its books and records in Illinois? X YES _____ NO
If NO, permission pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm Code Part 250 needs to be requested.

MANAGERIAL

12. Please attach evidence of the applicant's managerial and technical resources and ability to provide service. This may be in either narrative form, resumes of key personnel, or a combination of these forms. See prepared testimony filed herein.

13. List officers of Applicant.

<u>Eric G. Kaufman</u>	<u>President</u>
Marcella Kaufman	Vice President

Rogers L. Kaufman

Secretary/Treasurer

14. Does any officer of Applicant have an ownership or other interest in any other entity which has provided or is currently providing telecommunications services? X YES NO

If YES, list entity. Gridley Telephone Co., Gridley Cellular, Inc.

15. How will Applicant bill for its service(s)? Gridley Telephone Co. will provide billing.

16. How does Applicant propose to handle service, billing, and repair complaints?

Billing and repair will be handled by Gridley Telephone Co.

17. Will personnel be available at Applicant's business office during regular working hours to respond to inquiries about service or billing? X YES NO

18. What telephone number(s) would a customer use to contact your company?

1-309-747-2800

19. What are your procedures to prevent unauthorized "slamming" of customers? Gridley Communications will not permit "slamming" and will not change any customer's service unless it has a request in writing or with proper verification as required by law.
20. If granted authority to operate as a local exchange carrier, will the applicant abide by the following 83 Illinois Administrative Code Parts: 705, 710, 720, 725, 735, 755, 756, 757, 770, and 772?

X YES NO (If no, please provide an explanation.)

21. Will the applicant sign and return membership forms to the Universal Telephone Assistance Corporation and the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation? X YES NO

FINANCIAL

22. Please attach evidence of applicant's financial fitness through the submission of its most current income statement and balance sheet, or other appropriate documentation of applicant's financial resources and ability to provide service. See Attachment C.

TECHNICAL

23. Does Applicant utilize its own equipment and/or facilities? YES X NO

If YES, please list: Equipment and/or facilities will be provided

as needed under an agreement to be made with Gridley Telephone Co.

If NO, which facility provider(s)'s services does Applicant use?

24. Please describe the nature of service to be provided (e.g., operator services, internet, debit cards, long distance service, local service).

Local Service

25. Will technical personnel be available at all times to assist customers with service problems?

X YES NO

26. If Applicant intends to provide payphone service, will the equipment utilized comply with FCC requirements and Finding (9) of the Commission Order entered in Docket No. 84-0442 on June 11, 1986, including, but not limited to: (a) touch dialing; (b) access to 9-1-1 and "0" operator dialing without use of a coin; (c) rules governing use of payphones by disabled persons; (d) ability to complete local and long-distance calls; (e) unlimited duration for local calls; and (f) a message explaining the telephone's general operations, dialing instructions for emergency assistance, payphone owner's name, method of reporting service problems and method of receiving credit for faulty calls? X YES NO

Eric G. Kaufman
(Signature of Applicant)

VERIFICATION

This application shall be verified under oath.

OATH

State of Illinois)
County of Sangamon)ss

Eric Kaufman makes oath and says that he is President
(Insert here the name of affiant) (Insert the official title of the affiant)

of Gridley Communications, Inc.
(Insert here the exact legal title or name of the Applicant)

that he has examined the foregoing application and that to the best of his knowledge, information, and belief, all statements of fact contained in the said application are true, and the said application is a correct statement of the business and affairs of the above-named applicant in respect to each and every matter set forth therein.

Eric A. Kaufman
(Signature of affiant)

Subscribed and sworn to before me, a Notary Public/_____
(Title of person authorized to administer oaths)

in the State and County above named, this 5th day of April, 2000

Judy A. McCrory
(Signature of person authorized to administer oath)



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

ICC Docket No. 00-0028

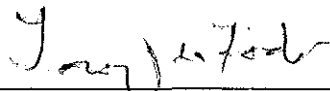
The undersigned, TROY A. FODOR, hereby certifies that on the 5th day of April, 2000, he served a copy of the foregoing instrument by personally delivering a copy thereof and/or mailing a copy thereof by United States Mail, postage prepaid, at Springfield, Illinois, to the individuals named below in envelopes plainly addressed to each of them.

Mr. Larry Jones
Hearing Officer
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62706

Ms. Judy Marshall
Telecommunications
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62706

Ms. Stacy Buecker
Telecommunications
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62706

Ms. Cindy Jackson
Consumer Services
Illinois Commerce Commission
527 East Capitol Avenue
Springfield, IL 62706



TROY A. FODOR

DOCKET 00-0028

ATTACHMENT A

Answers to No. 5 on Worksheet

- a. Troy A. Fodor
- b. William E. Flesch
- c. William E. Flesch
- d. William E. Flesch
- e. William E. Flesch
- f. William E. Flesch
- g. William E. Flesch

File Number 5874-439-5

State of Illinois
Office of
The Secretary of State

Whereas,

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
GRIDLEY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS HAVE BEEN
FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE AS PROVIDED BY THE
BUSINESS CORPORATION ACT OF ILLINOIS, IN FORCE JULY 1, A.D. 1984.

Now Therefore, I, George H. Ryan, Secretary of State of the State of Illinois, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby issue this certificate and attach hereto a copy of the Application of the aforesaid corporation.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto set my hand and cause to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Illinois, at the City of Springfield, this 5TH day of MARCH A.D. 19 96 and of the Independence of the United States the two hundred and 20TH .



George H. Ryan

Secretary of State

Form **BCA-2.10** | **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

(Rev. Jan. 1995)

George H. Ryan
Secretary of State
Department of Business Services
Springfield, IL 62756

This space for use by Secretary of State

FILED

MAR 5 1996

GEORGE H. RYAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

SUBMIT IN DUPLICATE!This space for use by
Secretary of State

Date 3-5-96

Franchise Tax \$ 25.00

Filing Fee \$ 75.00

Approved: [Signature] 100.00

Payment must be made by certified check, cashier's check, Illinois attorney's check, Illinois C.P.A.'s check or money order, payable to "Secretary of State."

1. CORPORATE NAME: Gridley Communications, Inc.

(The corporate name must contain the word "corporation", "company", "incorporated," "limited" or an abbreviation thereof.)

2. Initial Registered Agent:	Rogers	L.	Kaufman
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last name
Initial Registered Office:	108 East Third Street		P.O. Box 129
	Number	Street	Suite #
	Gridley	IL 61744	McLean
	City	Zip Code	County

3. Purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized:
(If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.)

The transaction of any or all lawful business for which a corporation may be incorporated under the Business Corporation Act.

4. Paragraph 1: Authorized Shares, Issued Shares and Consideration Received:

Class	Par Value per Share	Number of Shares Authorized	Number of Shares Proposed to be Issued	Consideration to be Received Therefor
Common	\$ NPV	1,000	1,000	\$1,000.00

TOTAL = \$ 1,000.00

Paragraph 2: The preferences, qualifications, limitations, restrictions and special or relative rights in respect of the shares of each class are: N/A

(If not sufficient space to cover this point, add one or more sheets of this size.)

EXPEDITED

MAR 5 1996

(over)

SECRETARY OF STATE

5. **OPTIONAL:** (a) Number of directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation: _____
 (b) Names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until their successors are elected and qualify:

Name	Residential Address	City, State, ZIP

6. **OPTIONAL:** (a) It is estimated that the value of all property to be owned by the corporation for the following year wherever located will be: \$ _____
 (b) It is estimated that the value of the property to be located within the State of Illinois during the following year will be: \$ _____
 (c) It is estimated that the gross amount of business that will be transacted by the corporation during the following year will be: \$ _____
 (d) It is estimated that the gross amount of business that will be transacted from places of business in the State of Illinois during the following year will be: \$ _____

7. **OPTIONAL: OTHER PROVISIONS**

Attach a separate sheet of this size for any other provision to be included in the Articles of Incorporation, e.g., authorizing preemptive rights, denying cumulative voting, regulating internal affairs, voting majority requirements, fixing a duration other than perpetual, etc.

8. **NAME(S) & ADDRESS(ES) OF INCORPORATOR(S)**

The undersigned incorporator(s) hereby declare(s), under penalties of perjury, that the statements made in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation are true.

Dated February 21, 19 96

	Signature and Name
1.	<u>Gridley Enterprises, Inc., an</u> <u>Signature</u> <u>Illinois Corporation</u> <u>(Type or Print Name)</u> <u>Eric L. Kaufman</u>
2.	<u>Rogers L. Kaufman, President</u> <u>Signature</u> <u>Eric L. Kaufman</u> <u>Attest:</u> <u>(Type or Print Name)</u>
3.	<u>Eric G. Kaufman, Secretary</u> <u>Signature</u> <u>(Type or Print Name)</u>

	Address
1.	<u>108 East Third Street</u> <u>Street</u> <u>Gridley, IL 61744</u> <u>City/Town</u> <u>State</u> <u>Zip Code</u>
2.	<u>(Corporate Seal)</u> <u>City/Town</u> <u>State</u> <u>Zip Code</u>
3.	<u>Street</u> <u>City/Town</u> <u>State</u> <u>Zip Code</u>

(Signatures must be in **BLACK INK** on original document. Carbon copy, photocopy or rubber stamp signatures may only be used on conformed copies.)

NOTE: If a corporation acts as incorporator, the name of the corporation and the state of incorporation shall be shown and the execution shall be by its president or vice president and verified by him, and attested by its secretary or assistant secretary.

FEE SCHEDULE

- The initial franchise tax is assessed at the rate of 15/100 of 1 percent (\$1.50 per \$1,000) on the paid-in capital represented in this state, with a minimum of \$25.
- The filing fee is \$75.
- The minimum total due (franchise tax + filing fee) is \$100.
(Applies when the Consideration to be Received as set forth in Item 4 does not exceed \$16,667)
- The Department of Business Services in Springfield will provide assistance in calculating the total fees if necessary.
Illinois Secretary of State Springfield, IL 62756
Department of Business Services Telephone (217) 782-9522 or 782-9523

Gridley Enterprises, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Gridley, Illinois

Consolidating Balance Sheet - December 31, 1998

CURRENT ASSETS					
Gridley Enterprises, Inc.	Gridley Telephone Co.	Gridley Communications Inc.	Gridley Cellular, Inc.	Eliminating Entries	Consolidated Totals
\$ 387,601	\$ 832,892	\$ 154,402	\$ 29,132	\$ -	\$ 1,404,027
107,082	107,402	-	-	-	214,484
Accounts receivable:					
Due from customers					
-	20,557	-	-	-	20,557
-	43,526	-	-	-	43,526
-	180,124	-	-	-	180,124
224,494	103,181	29,114	-	(356,789)	-
-	18,554	-	40,000	-	58,554
8,195	6,496	-	-	-	14,691
Inventories, at average cost:					
Plant materials and supplies					
17,928	(19,107)	(43,797)	(58,852)	121,756	52,735
-	23,495	15,162	-	-	38,657
745,300	1,369,855	154,881	10,280	(235,033)	2,045,283
NONCURRENT ASSETS					
Cash value of life insurance					
-	83,696	-	-	-	83,696
Investments - Affiliated companies					
3,006,845	-	-	-	(3,006,845)	-
Investments - Cellular partnerships					
-	-	-	214,848	-	214,848
144,500	54,689	5,100	-	-	204,289
-	148,953	-	(24,961)	-	123,992
3,756	3,756	-	-	-	3,756
3,151,345	291,094	5,100	189,887	(3,006,845)	630,581
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT					
Telecommunications plant in service					
-	4,856,706	-	-	-	4,856,706
-	71,621	-	-	-	71,621
-	4,928,327	-	-	-	4,928,327
-	2,702,650	-	-	-	2,702,650
-	2,225,677	-	-	-	2,225,677
Less accumulated depreciation					
\$ 3,896,645	\$ 3,886,626	\$ 159,981	\$ 200,167	\$ (3,241,878)	\$ 4,901,541
TOTAL ASSETS					

ATTACHMENT C

CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable:					
Interexchange carriers	\$ -	\$ 10,977	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Affiliates	23,693	129,114	65,411	189,187	(407,405)
Other	-	181,690	-	113	-
Current portion of long-term debt	116,200	74,800	-	-	-
Accrued income taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Other accrued taxes	-	11,624	282	-	-
Other	14,103	6,645	-	-	-
	153,996	414,850	65,693	189,300	(407,405)
LONG-TERM DEBT, less current portion					
	2,633,800	352,307	-	-	-
NONCURRENT DEFERRED CHARGES					
Deferred compensation	-	353,504	-	-	-
Deferred investment tax credit	-	22,454	-	-	-
Deferred regulatory liability	-	14,194	-	-	-
	-	390,152	-	-	-
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Common stock	17,200	26,600	25,000	1,000	(52,600)
Retained earnings	1,091,648	2,702,718	69,288	9,867	(2,781,873)
	1,108,848	2,729,318	94,288	10,867	(2,834,473)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
	\$ 3,896,644	\$ 3,886,627	\$ 159,981	\$ 200,167	\$ (3,241,878)
					\$ 4,901,541

See auditor's report on consolidating information.

Gridley Enterprises, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Gridley, Illinois

ATTACHMENT C

Consolidating Income Statement - Year Ended December 31, 1998

Schedule II

	Gridley Enterprises, Inc.	Gridley Telephone Co.	Gridley Communications Inc.	Gridley Cellular, Inc.	Eliminating Entries	Consolidated Totals
OPERATING REVENUES						
Local network services	\$ -	\$ 199,747	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 199,747
Interstate access services	-	827,493	-	-	-	827,493
Intrastate access services	-	1,154,780	-	-	-	1,154,780
Long distance services	-	-	351,107	-	-	351,107
Miscellaneous	-	164,729	-	8,564	(26,053)	147,240
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,346,749</u>	<u>351,107</u>	<u>8,564</u>	<u>(26,053)</u>	<u>2,680,367</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES						
Plant specific operations	-	408,789	-	-	-	408,789
Plant nonspecific operations	-	58,814	178,276	-	-	237,090
Depreciation	-	434,581	-	-	-	434,581
Customer operations	-	179,304	88,322	25,149	(26,053)	266,722
Corporate operations	28,692	684,918	23,379	2,396	-	739,385
General taxes	-	13,163	(75)	-	-	13,088
	<u>28,692</u>	<u>1,779,569</u>	<u>289,902</u>	<u>27,545</u>	<u>(26,053)</u>	<u>2,099,655</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(28,692)</u>	<u>567,180</u>	<u>61,205</u>	<u>(18,981)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>580,712</u>
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)						
Interest and other income	30,578	33,913	3,152	40,920	-	108,563
Interest expense	(40,521)	(29,345)	-	-	-	(69,866)
Other expenses	-	(8,312)	-	-	-	(8,312)
	<u>(9,943)</u>	<u>(3,744)</u>	<u>3,152</u>	<u>40,920</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,385</u>
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES	(38,635)	563,436	64,357	21,939	-	611,097
INCOME TAXES (BENEFIT)	(14,963)	194,720	24,925	23,562	-	228,244
INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE EQUITY EARNINGS OF SUBSIDIARIES	(23,672)	368,716	39,432	(1,623)	-	382,853
EQUITY EARNINGS OF SUBSIDIARIES	<u>406,525</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(406,525)</u>	<u>-</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ 382,853</u>	<u>\$ 368,716</u>	<u>\$ 39,432</u>	<u>\$ (1,623)</u>	<u>\$ (406,525)</u>	<u>\$ 382,853</u>

See auditor's report on consolidating information.